Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Adkins S1157

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State of Kentucky }
Clarke [sic: Clark] County Sct }

On this 27th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Clarke County Court now sitting James Adkins a resident of said county of Clarke, aged eighty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of January in the year 1778 [sic: 1779. See endnote] he was drafted as a militia man in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Zachariah Herndon, he was drafted for two months which time he served. Said company was raised in Orange County Virginia where he resided at that time. He was marched with said company to Albemarle Barracks and there stationed to guard some British prisoners, and he remained there until his service of two months expired, when he was discharged and sent home, he did not get a written discharge. Colonel Lewis commanded the troops stationed at the Barracks. Lewis's first name he does not recollect [Charles Lewis, County Lieutenant of Albemarle].

In the month of November 1780 he was again drafted as a militia man for the period of two months in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Johnston [Benjamin Johnson], which company was raised in Orange County Virginia where he still resided. He was marched with said company down on James River and we were stationed at a place called Cabin Point [in Surry County] where he remained sometime, and was marched from there to Petersburgh [sic: Petersburg], where he was discharged his time having expired. He got no written discharge that he recollects of, if he did he has long since lost it. Major Qualls [sic: James Quarles] commanded the troops stationed at Cabin Point, Our Lieutenant was named Belfield Cave. There were but two companies at Cabin Point the other company was commanded by Captain William Buckner.

In the month of June 1781 he was again drafted in a company of militia commanded by Captain Jameson Said company was raised in Orange county Virginia where he still resided. We were marched down near old Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg]. Our Col was named Matthews [probably Sampson Mathews]. There was also a Colonel by the name of [Samuel] Temple. We were commanded by General [Edward] Stevens, that is the Virginia Militia, although the whole as well as he recollects was under the command of the Marquis LaFayette. He recollects whilst he was out this tourer seeing General [Anthony] Wayne The troops were employed in watching the movements of the British army under Cornwallis and were marched backwards and forwards through that part of Virginia until his time having expired he was discharged. He got a written discharge from his Captain Jameson, but he has long since lost it. His whole service during the revolutionary war was six months, as a private militia man being drafted each time.

He states that he has no documentary evidence to prove his services during said war, and he knows of no person living by whom he can prove them or any part of them but Fanny McDaniel his daughter who was very young at the time, but has some recollection of the matter.

He states that he was born in Orange County Virginia where he resided during the revolutionary war, and until the year 1805 or 1806, when he removed from Virginia to the state of Kentucky, and settled in Clarke County where he has ever since and still resides. He was born on the fourteenth day of Nov'r. 1745. He has no record of his age, he had one but the book it was in has been destroyed, but he has seen it so often he recollects it well. He has already stated the names of such officers as he can recollect, who were with the troops where he served. He is well known in his present neighborhood to Griffin Kelly,

Maj. James Brasfield, Robert Dedlike Rev'd. William Rash, Cornelius Bowren and other who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

James hisXmark Adkins

I Fanny McDaniel do hereby certify that I am now sixty years of age or thereabouts, that although I was very small during the revolutionary war I well recollect the absence, of the above named applicant James Adkins, who is my father, from home, and it was said in the family he was in the war. I do not remember how often he was out, but I recollect his return home the last time he was gone, and that he returned home very sick with the flux, and shortly after was taken with the rheumatism very badly, and he has been a cripple from the rheumatism ever since. We then lived in Orange County Virginia. From my earliest recollection I always heard my father say he had served three tours of two months each in the revolutionary war, and the officers names as stated in his declaration I have always heard him say were those he served under. His age agreeably to the understanding always in his family is not eighty seven years.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Fanny herXmark McDaniel

NOTE: The Convention Army Guard Regiment was authorized 23 Dec 1778 to guard the prisoners captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779.